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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A rotary damper comprising:

a housing;

an oil chamber within a formed in the housing[[],];

a vane dividing said oil chamber being divided into two chambers by a vane[[],];

a shaft fixed to a base part of the vane and supporting said vane to allow oscillation in relation to said housing[[],]; and

a seal part provided on said base part dividing in a fluid-tight manner between a bearing rotatably supporting said shaft on said housing and said two chambers, wherein the oil chamber generates a damping force by passing operation oil between said two oil chambers when said vane oscillates[[],] wherein:

a seal part provided on said base part dividing in a fluid-tight manner between a bearing rotatably supporting said shaft on said housing and said two chambers; and

said seal part comprises: a pair of washers sandwiched between an inner face of said two chambers and the base part[[],] and the base part contacting said washers; an inner face of said housing; and a sealing member provided to said vane which seals in a fluid-tight manner between said vane and the inner face of said housing; and end portions facing said base part of said sealing member contact peripheries of said washers so as to seal in a fluid-tight manner therebetween.

2. (Canceled)

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3. (Currently amended) The rotary damper according to Claim [[2]] 1, wherein interconnected fitting grooves are formed in each part of said vane facing the inner face of said two chambers, and said sealing member is fitted and secured in said fitting grooves.
4. (Previously presented) The rotary damper according to Claim 3, wherein the base part is located between said fitting grooves and said shaft.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently amended) The rotary damper according to Claim [[2]] 1, wherein said sealing member comprises an elastic body, and the external dimension of a part in sliding contact with the inner face of said housing is larger than the dimension of the inner face of said housing.
7. (Previously presented) The rotary damper according to Claim 1, wherein said housing is provided with a body and a cap holding said shaft, and said vane is contained within said two chambers of a fan-shape, formed between said body and cap.